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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tatsuya FUJIKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/477,405

Group Art Unit: 2835

Confirmation No. 9196

Filed: January 4, 2000

Examiner: Lisa S. Lea Edmonds

For: FUNCTION EXPANDING DEVICE FOR ELECTRONIC HARDWARE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on April 11, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 11, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Also please note an IDS will be filed within days of the filing of this Amendment. If same is not received at time of the Examiner's review of this Amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1, 5, 10 and 11 in accordance with the following:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A function expanding device comprising:  
a first connection part connectable to a unit which expands a function of electronic hardware;  
a second connection part connectable to the electronic hardware; and  
an operation part that enables a user to drive the unit independent of driving the unit by

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